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IN THE PERITONEAL CAVITY

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Sir:

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 24, 2003, kindly enter the following remarks.

REMARKS

Responsive to the Examiner's restriction requirement, applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, the Group I invention, claims 1-22, for examination on the merits in this application. This election is made with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Attached is a Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before an Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee is due.

This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been

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omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of claims 1-22 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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